

Bob Ferguson

King County Councilmember, District 2



***In touch
with our
community***

2004 YEAR REVIEW

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Coffee with Bob



Every Friday, I meet constituents for coffee at one of the great local coffee shops in North Seattle. I've organized 75 one-on-one coffees with constituents and hosted several group coffees with retirement homes and interested neighborhood blocks.

We discuss issues such as Metro Transit, homelessness, arts, and the environment. Even though some issues might not directly relate to the County, I am happy to advocate for you at the city or state level and help you navigate your local governments.

If there is an issue that you would like to discuss with me in person, please contact my office to schedule a coffee.



Bob meets constituents for coffee every week.

Community Meetings

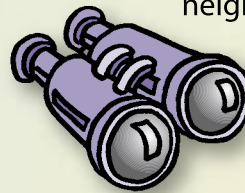
I regularly visit your neighborhood community meetings to introduce myself and discuss issues important to you. In 2004, I met with 45 different groups.

I would be happy to attend your upcoming meeting to answer any questions you might have.



Tours

It is important for me to know our neighborhoods and tour new and on-going projects. For example, I've toured youth centers, schools, public health facilities, and parks. Contact my office if you would like to schedule a tour.



Neighborhood Walks

I realize the best way to know your thoughts when I vote at the Council is to come directly to your doorstep.

That is why I decided to bring the King County Council to your door through my neighborhood walks. It is important for me to personally walk all the neighborhoods of our district to discuss issues important to you.

My staff and I have already knocked on over 3,500 doors in Northeast Seattle neighborhoods including Meadowbrook, Wallingford, Green Lake, and Maple Leaf. Even though it's winter, I'm still walking our neighborhoods to bring the Council directly to you.



Bob brings the King County Council to your door through neighborhood walks.



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Town Hall Meetings

In addition to the one-on-one meetings I hold at local coffee shops and on your doorstep, I host town hall meetings throughout North Seattle. In 2004, I held five town hall meetings in Meadowbrook, the University District, Licton Springs, Wallingford, and Green Lake, with an average attendance of 50 citizens.

The issues discussed include the King County Budget, transportation, arts, and human services. I invited experts on these issues to answer your many questions and to directly hear your opinions and concerns.



My first town hall meeting of 2005 will be focused on King County Elections. This is the issue everyone is talking about and many of you have questions about our elections system.

King County Elections Director Dean Logan will join me for this informative meeting. I hope you can attend:

Thursday, January 27, 2005
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Maple Leaf Lutheran Church
10005 – 32nd Avenue Northeast

King County \$ for North Seattle

In the 2005 Budget process, I was able to secure funding for District 2 organizations such as Ryther Child Center, North Helpline Food Bank in Lake City, Wallingford Senior Center, and projects at the University Playground and Thornton Creek.

Throughout the year, I supported additional dollars in North Seattle for the University District Youth Center, Fremont Public Association, and renovation of the Ravenna Playground. I also donated retired Metro vans to two non-profit organizations—Seattle Youth Garden Works and History House of Greater Seattle.



I began a communications support program this

year to pay for postage costs to mail community newsletters. I set aside \$5,000 from my office budget towards this cause. Local community councils are vital to our neighborhoods and communicating to you is their main goal.



Bob donated a Metro van to Seattle Youth Garden Works to transport homeless youth and the produce they grow to farmer's markets.

Volunteering



Each month, my staff and I volunteer at a different North Seattle non-profit organization.

From serving dinner to homeless teenagers at Teen Feed, assisting low-income children select new clothes at Operation School Bell, distributing food at North Helpline Lake City Food Bank, to decorating the Tallmadge Hamilton House Senior Center for the holidays, this is the most inspiring activity we do as an office. I have discovered firsthand that in a couple hours, four energetic people can really make a difference. If you know of an organization in District 2 that could use our help, please let me know.



Bob and his staff volunteered at Tallmadge Hamilton House Senior Center decorating for the holidays.

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Town Meeting on Elections

with guest Dean Logan,
Director of King County Elections

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Dear Neighbor:

I am committed to being accessible to the residents of District 2. Previous newsletters addressed the budget, transportation and human services. This newsletter focuses on community outreach and the activities I use to stay in touch with you:

- One-on-one meetings at local coffee shops
- Bringing the King County Council to your door through neighborhood walks
- Organizing town halls and attending community meetings in your neighborhood
- Volunteer work and tours at local non-profit organizations
- Securing King County dollars for non-profit organizations in our community

It is an honor to serve you on the King County Council and I look forward to meeting with you soon. If you would like to receive my monthly electronic newsletter, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

Bob Ferguson, Councilmember
Metropolitan King County Council



King County

The Story Behind the Map



Pictured above is my map of Northeast Seattle. Every time I visit an organization, walk through a neighborhood, or meet with you for coffee, I place a peg on my map. It is easy to spend an entire day or week downtown at the Courthouse without getting out to District 2 to directly hear from you. My map serves as a visual reminder of my outreach efforts and encourages me to find new ways to stay in touch with you and your neighbors.